

FENCE ROLLING APPARATUS AND METHODS

ABSTRACT

The present invention is directed toward apparatus and methods for rolling and distribution of fencing material, and is particularly suited for flexible fencing such as metal and plastic fencing, whether linked, boxed, webbed, barbed, electrified, or otherwise configured. The apparatus of the invention can be mounted on a skid loader, tractor, or other lifting vehicle, whether onto the bucket attachment or onto the forklift attachment of such a lifting vehicle. The apparatus has a wrapping shaft that is pivotally or hingedly mounted to supporting framework. The shaft is connected to a motor for powered rotation of the shaft. The apparatus also has one or more tensioning rollers that flatten the fencing and position it during uptake or distribution of fencing by the wrapping roller. The supporting framework has guides that orient and position the fencing as it passes through the apparatus. The invention also provides methods of recovering, as well as distributing, fencing using the apparatus.